



*The Way To Go!*

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Executive Director

The Honorable Donald Bradley  
Council President  
City of Newark  
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Dear Council President Bradley:

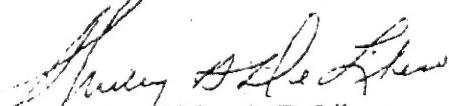
In the past month I have called and written to you to express my concerns about the Newark City Council's actions regarding the Newark bus lanes. Once again I want to urge you and the Council to reverse the actions taken to eliminate the bus lanes.

As we have stated in the past, NJ TRANSIT feels that the bus lanes are important in the provision of effective regional transportation and to mobility in downtown Newark. Because exclusive bus lanes have been found to enhance the flow of traffic and to help deliver more people to their destinations in less time, they have become commonplace in major metropolitan areas such as New York, Miami, San Francisco, and Washington as well as other large cities such as Portland, Rochester and Honolulu. From my previous correspondence I'm sure that you will recall that NJ TRANSIT transports 55,000 people a day through the bus lanes, 35,000 of whom are Newark City residents. Three private bus carriers also use the bus lanes in their regular route bus service.

Recognizing that the City of Newark incurs costs to enforce the bus lanes, NJ TRANSIT is willing to continue to reimburse the City for those costs. As I indicated in my October 1, 1996 letter we are also willing to continue to work on partnerships that can assist bus lane merchants in reaching potential customers who use our transit services, and in finding other ways to improve access to bus lane retail establishments.

Because the Newark bus lanes are critical to the continued safety of our passengers and the efficiency of our operations, NJ TRANSIT is vigorously opposed to the actions taken to bring about their elimination. As Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT I will continue to actively work to insure their continuation.

Sincerely,

  
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bcc: Mayor Sharpe James

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